

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 23 November 1957		2. LOCATION Joliet, Illinois		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical  <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 24/0105Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE GOC 5 Airline pilots & Radar			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE not given	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Large round brilliant white object, orange when passing behind thin cloud. Object seemed to hover at times. Had straight course when moving.				11. COMMENTS Description has characteristics of a balloon seen at dusk. There was a balloon released at Moline, Illinois at about 0000Z. Probably Balloon.	



23 24/01052  
Multi

1500

25 NOV 57 10 11 22 01 28 37

Prob balloon

RAZ11

SQF007 YMB002AH001STANH006

PP RJEDDM RJEDWP RJEPHQ RJEPNB

DE RJEDAH 6H

P 240115Z

FM COMDR 755TH ACWBRK

TO RJEDDM/COMDR ADC

RJEDAH/COMDR 37TH ADIV

RJEDWP/COMDR AIR INTELLIGENCE CENTER

RJEPHQ/DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE HEADQUARTERS USAF

RJEPNB/COMDR EADF

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/UNCL/UFOB 1648

1. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT(S):

A. ROUND

B. LARGE

C. BRILLIANT WHITE ABOVE OVERCAST, ORANGE WHEN PASSING BEHIND THIN CLOUD

D. ONE

E. N/A

F. NONE

G. NONE NOTICEABLE

H. NEG

I. NONE

2. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECTS:

A. BRILLIANT COLOR

1 } 4 E 4  
2 }  
3 }  
4 - 4 X 2a

Characteristics of balloon  
when seen at dusk



C. 10000 FT /

D. STRAIGHT COURSE WHEN MOVING, OBJECT SEEMED TO HOVER AT TIMES

E. OUT OF SIGHT

F. 5 MIN

3. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

A. NAKED EYE - *Airborne*

B. NONE

C. OBJECT SEEN BY FIVE INDIVIDUAL COMMERCIAL AIRLINE'S PILOTS

4. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

A. 24/11/52 0105-6 = 1905 local

B. DUSK

5. LOCATION OF OBSERVERS:

A. 5 MI NE OF V10 AND V38 AIRWAYS

B. JOLIET ILLINOIS

6. IDENTIFYING INFO OF ALL OBSERVERS

CIVILIAN

TWA, TWA, AM AIRLINES, NORTHWEST, UNITED

PILOTS NAMES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THESE FLIGHT NUMBERS

MILITARY NONE

7. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIMES OF SIGHTING:

A. THIN SCATTERED OVERCAST 8000 TO 10000 FT

B. 1. SSW 13

2. 290/40 WNW

3. 280/35 W

4. 300/45 WNW

5. 310/60 NW

6. 320/65 NW

7. 330/70

8. NON APPLICABLE

C. 10000 THIN OVERCAST

D. 15 MI

E. SCATTERED CLOUDS

F. NONE

*as indicated by wind plot,  
it appears that a balloon, which  
was released at Moline, Ill. at  
about 0000Z, made slight zig zags  
to the EAST and was sighted in  
the Joliet area.*

*Prob Balloon*



8. UNUSUAL ACTIVITY IN THE AREA: NONE

A. NONE

B. NONE

C. NONE

9. INTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION OF ACTION TAKEN:

NONE

10. LOCATION OF KNOWN AIR TRAFFIC IN AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING:

ROUTINE CIVILIAN AIRLINE TRAFFIC

11. POSITION TITLE/COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER:

WO-W1 BACA, EDMUND H., DIRECTOR

A. NONE

12. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE:

A. UNKNOWN

B. NONE

13. MISC. COMMENTS OF OBSERVER: NONE

REMARKS (COMMENTS BY THE REPORTING CONTROLLER)

CAA GROUND RADAR OPERATOR, J. J. MURPHY, REPORTED A CONTACT FOR TEN  
SWEEPS ON HIS SCOPE. (50) MILES (SW) OF CHICAGO. BEARING (253) DEGREES  
FROM MIDWAY AIRPORT. AIRCRAFT REPORTING SIGHTING WERE ALL ON DIFFERENT  
AIRWAYS.

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